

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | CASE NO. 2:25-CR-00026 DJC |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
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| v. |) | ORDER |
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| VERONICA BROOKS, |) | |
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| Defendant. |) | |
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This matter comes before the Court following an oral motion by defense counsel on November 20, 2025 and briefing submitted November 26, 2025. The Court orders that Defendant undergo a competency evaluation. In light of the need to complete an expeditious competency exam, the Court specifies as follows:

1. The parties are to select an appropriate local psychologist to conduct the examination. So long as the parties can agree on a provider, their decision need not be ratified by the Court before the examination can commence.
2. The psychologist must complete the examination as described in 18 U.S.C. § 4247(b).
3. The time periods provided by 18 U.S.C. § 4247(b) will begin upon the commencement of the chosen psychologist's examination of the defendant.
4. The psychologist must prepare a report in accordance with § 4247(c) within thirty days of the initial examination.

1 5. If needed, and at the psychologist's professional discretion, the examination may be
2 conducted remotely.


3 6. The cost for this examination is to be borne by the Attorney General, in accordance with the
4 Court's AO guideline § 320.20.60.

5 7. The parties are to notify the Court once an examination is complete, and/or additional time is
6 needed for the issuance of the report.

7 8. The Court will schedule a competency hearing once it has been notified that the examination
8 is complete and a report has issued.

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10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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12 Dated: December 4, 2025



DANIEL J. CALABRETTA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE